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The following vessels were observed in and outside of the port of Sassnitz during the period of 18 January to 5 February 1954:

1. A large Soviet tug bearing the Russian markings Mb-83, but flying the East German flag, was observed in the port of Sassnitz. The tug was armed with a twin-barreled antiaircraft gun of between 20 and 25 mm caliber. This gun was located behind the captain's bridge, the latter being located near the forward side of the poop. The tug had a crew of between 25 and 30 German seamen and the directions and commands were given in German language.
2. A two-funnel destroyer, having a silhouette similar to that shown on the attached sketch, was anchored in the northernmost part of the port of Sassnitz, near the bank. The destroyer was about 110 meters in length and appeared to be about 20 years old. There was no armament or sign of life on board this destroyer.

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into Sassnitz by the aforementioned tug.

3. Two East German trawlers lay at anchor near the "fish smoking plant" in the port of Sassnitz. The trawlers were unarmed and they each had a crew of between 24 and 28 men.

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4. observed three groups of East German fishing cutters "trawling" for mines in the following three areas: north of Sassnitz and south of the light-house near Koenigsstuhl; south of the port of Sassnitz near Dwasieden; and further south in the area between Granitz Bad and Granitzer Ort. The cutter groups observed in the first two areas--observed with glasses at a distance of two to three miles--were composed of 14 vessels.

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these cutters were manned by East German Sea Police and each cutter had at least two Soviet officers on board. The commands and directions on board the cutters were given in German language.

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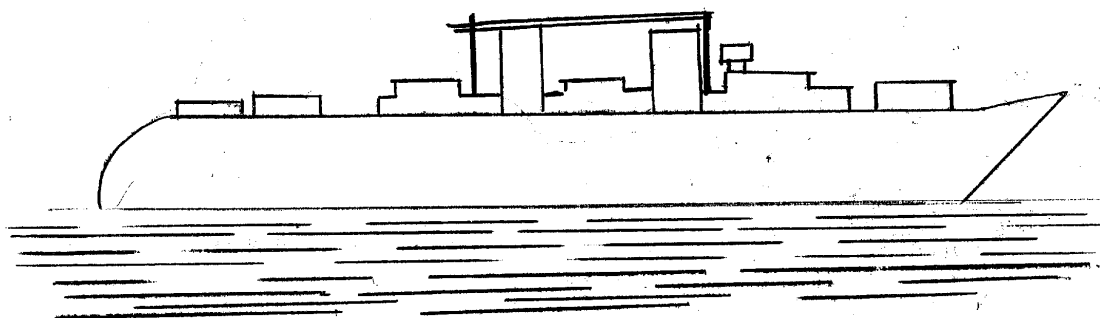
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